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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION

Task Team V - Biographics

Working Group on Name Finding Activities

Minutes of the Second Meeting, 3 June 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

25X1A NSA - [REDACTED] Chairman  
25X1A CIA - [REDACTED]  
DIA - [REDACTED]  
STATE - Mr. Mitchell Stanley  
- Mr. Halvor Ekern  
25X1A SS - [REDACTED]  
CSS - [REDACTED]

25X1A 1. The group met at NSA primarily to receive a briefing at the appropriate security level of activities of NSA of interest to this Team. [REDACTED] described in considerable detail the organization of NSA, the production operation and the Office of Central Reference. He described the various divisions and staffs of OCR and their general functions. Mr. [REDACTED] further described the activities in terms of quantity, the various files (including sizes, subject matters, methods of entry and rationale of inquiries). Several of the pertinent files were discussed in detail. It was noted that approximately ninety per cent of all the requests received are from within NSA. The briefing triggered numerous revealing activities or subjects of interest to the various members present. For example, the distribution policies of the various agencies were discussed along with the application of the "third agency" rule in various typical situations. The concepts of search in files set up by name or by other subjects such as occupation, location, etc., were considered from many different angles utilizing the various NSA files as examples. All members agreed that the briefing was significant and was helpful in understanding more about a very large and vital source within the Intelligence Community of information about people.

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2. After the briefing, the Team held a short meeting. Several minor corrections were made to the minutes which were provided the Team members on the spot and the Team agreed that any additional corrections would be telephoned to the Secretary before Monday, 7 June 1965 at which time the minutes will be prepared in final form for distribution to Task Team V members. The group considered what additional briefings might be useful. It was agreed that the Secretary should arrange, at the earliest possible time, a briefing of the Special Register of CIA and other [REDACTED] activities in CIA. The group again pondered the advisability of going [REDACTED] to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio to receive briefings by Foreign Technology Division on Project White Stork (which includes the TIPS activity), the Cross Check project and the CIRC program. It was agreed that the information received from [REDACTED] during the joint meeting with CODIB Task Team III was very revealing and that the Team needs more information about this activity. Possible dates for a trip were considered but no decision was reached to make plans for such a trip. It was agreed, however, to have the Secretary explore the possibility of having a member of that organization come to Washington to brief the working group.

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3. The Team contemplated what next steps might be valuable. The Chairman suggested the possibility of preparing some typical requests of various types to be run through the major systems. This might reveal significant information for use by the Team. The question was raised: what are the significant systems? The Secretary referred to the listing of the files holdings identified during the SCIPS fact gathering activities which had been asked to be prepared by the group at the last meeting and pointed out that this list is now in preparation and should be available to the group in the near future. The group agreed that it would be wise to inspect this list in detail before making a decision on steps in this area.

4. As a last point of business, the group considered the next meeting dates. The Secretary was requested to arrange for the above mentioned briefings on 10 and 16 June as part of the meetings planned for those dates. The Secretary will inform the members telephonically of the confirmation of these meeting dates and times.

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Secretary

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